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BY KARMEN DOWLING

A $7.5-million widening and overhaul of Western Road would create an attractive new gateway to the university and ease a major traffic bottleneck for the city's fast-growing north end.

Major design work is set to get underway in 2006, followed in 2007 with widening and construction from Huron University College north to Windermere Road, including rebuilding the bridge over Medway Creek.

In 2008, widening would continue north past Ambleside Drive to Richmond Street.

The city's design work has not begun but the project is expected to feature bicycle lanes, major landscaping and tree planting, improved pedestrian crossings and better access to campus.

Western's Master Plan features one potential vision of the new road, a vision that includes a treed centre boulevard. However, specific features have not yet been determined.

Western and the City of London are joining forces to rebuild and beautify the road. Western's contribution to the project is still to be determined.

The entire project remains subject to city council budget approval.

“Improving Western Road fits very well with the University's overall Master Plan, and we are delighted to be partnering with the City on this initiative,” says Western President Paul Davenport.

“Together, we look forward to making Western Road one of the most attractive and functional roads in London.”

“Western is a pivotal part of our London community,” says Mayor Anne Marie DeCicco. “And we’re very pleased the City is able to join with the University in enhancing Western Road, as both an efficient artery and a true gateway into the heart of campus.”

David Riddell, Associate Vice-President, Physical Plant & Capital Planning, says the Western Road Improvement Committee has met once and is aiming for another meeting early in the New Year.

The group is discussing design concepts and hopes to nail down details over the next few months, with one of the biggest considerations being safety of pedestrians.

Riddell says there’s hope of developing a similar plan for the portion of Western Road south of this project, although timing hasn’t been set and it could be in the more distant future.

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BY PAUL MAYNE

Western has Ontario's top athletic program according to the most definitive collegiate athletic ranking system used in the United States.

The North American Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA) presents the Director's Cup annually to the top overall sports programs in the U.S. The points-based ranking rewards excellence in gender equity and broad-based sports programming.

Western Mustang Athletics tops in Ontario

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National Champs

Western Mustang Cheerleaders have been Canada's top team since before many of the members were born. This past weekend the team took the national title for the 21st consecutive time - as if they needed anything more to cheer about. See story on Page 13
other Ontario universities through the NACDA system “basically out of curiosity” for the last few years.

Each year for which the system was run, Western placed first among all Ontario University Association (OUA) teams. “This is one of those rankings that acts as a barometer to see how we’re doing,” says Lysko. “We use it as a bit of a benchmark as to where we should be and use it in terms of how we support our student-athletes. It gets people thinking and focusing more on what’s important and that’s the overall success of our athletic program and that’s very much the strength we have here.”

Believing in a broad-based athletic program provides as many opportunities as possible to student-athletes, Lysko says the NACDA measuring stick offers a true sense of how Western stacks up against others in Ontario, and potentially across Canada. “The beauty of the all-sports model is that it recognizes sports across the board, both male and female sports,” says Lysko. “You do get rewarded for having a broad-based program - for having success in both male and female sports.”

With 38 men’s and women’s sports at Western, Lysko is aiming for “Stanford status”, referring to Stanford University’s decade-long run as winner of the NACDA Director’s Cup. “We should be shooting to be Stanford because of their excellence,” he says. “Stanford represents all that is right about collegiate athletics in terms of excellence of its programs and their overall success. I feel we are the same in this country.”

Regardless of whether the CIS or OUA would adopt a similar ranking system is unclear, however Lysko says he would see it as a positive step because both group's mandates are about excellence and gender equity. “We’re very proud of our sports program at Western. I think that when you look at the mandates of the CIS and OUA and what they’re trying to do - offering the broadest range of opportunities to the student-athletes - we’re definitely in line with that,” says Lysko.

As far as the ranking goes, he knows Western may not always be No. 1, but Lysko adds being made aware of the university’s overall accomplishments in sports gives its athletes and coaches a sense of pride. “It puts Mustang athletes thinking about a common goal, that they’re part of something bigger, and that is they’re all on the same team,” he says. “The things we’re trying to do here, such as creating the best student experience, I feel sports and recreation are part of that experience. We have a lot of good news to talk about.”

### TOP TEN OUA 2004-05 (NACDA Director’s Cup ranking)

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### Retired professor volunteers with United Way agencies

**By Paul Mayne**

Felix Atance knows there have been times when he’s held the hand of a stranger only hours before they’ve died. As a volunteer for Hospice of London, a United Way-funded agency, the retired Western French professor finds it a humbling experience to share in someone’s final days. I’ve learned quite a bit from those final hours. says Atance, who lives a short walking distance from campus. “You pick up the papers and see how rotten this world is, and then you see folks coming to grips with death and dealing with it in such a strong manner. You become humbled very quickly.”

Atance has volunteered with Hospice of London since his retirement in 1995 after 33 years at Western. The not-for-profit agency provides comfort and caring support to meet physical, social, emotional and spiritual needs of people living with a life-threatening illness. Hospice also provides support to families and for people who are recently bereaved. “I feel we all only have one life to live and we need to engage our time to help those we can,” he says.

As Western’s United Way campaign draws to a close, the need to help those less fortunate is getting a huge boost with fundraising just over $377,000. With a goal of $400,000, the current total has already surpassed last year’s record-breaking total. The unveiling of Western’s final tally will be made in January.

The city- and county-wide United Way campaign, led by Western President Paul Davenport, has raised $4,669,136 or 73% of its $6.4 million goal. Western-sponsored employee Colleen Thody says it’s been a wonderful few months working for the United Way and adds as the final pledges and donations are being tabulated, she welcomes those last-minute gifts. “We are still working on reaching our goal and it’s not too late to pledge for this year’s campaign,” she says.

The Ivey Leadership Challenge Grant has played a significant role in the ongoing success of this year’s campaign, so far increasing the number of Leaders ($1,000 or more donation) at Western to 137, up from 101 in 2004. With every new Leadership gift of $1,000 or more, and any increase over 10% of existing Leadership gifts, it was matched by the Iveys - up to $100,000.

“The coordinators and canvassers on campus were wonderful and many went beyond the duties of their volunteer role,” says Thody. “Some organized a staff breakfast, others held silent auctions, book sales, dress down days, talent shows, bake sales and of course we had a record number of StairClimb participants with close to 50, as compared to about five in 2004.”

To make a donation to the campaign or speak with a department coordinator visit www.uwlondon.on.ca.
London Hall naming marks close city ties

By Karmen Dowling

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Classes finished, exams begin

By Karmen Dowling

Students will begin writing their mid-year exams tomorrow. With 12 exam days on the schedule, about 26,000 students will tackle 1,110 separate exams, with the last day being December 21. Close to 2,200 students will write exams each day. According to the Office of the Registrar, the largest mid-term exam will be Psychology 020, with enrolment of 2,689 and the largest final exam will be Calculus 050A, with enrolment of 1,381.

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VIEWPOINT
Outsourced pension data vulnerable

Senator Mike Carroll wants written assurance faculty pension information will never be turned over to secret U.S. intelligence courts. But he isn’t holding his breath.

But if “transparency” is the issue, what in fact does Buck Consultants Canada say about records in their care? Clicking “Privacy” on their website brings you to a statement associated with ACS (the parent company). That statement says that they “may disclose your personal information as we consider necessary to comply with the law.” Under the heading Global presence we’re also told that their work “may involve transfer of information across borders.” The statement seems to be saying that they might well transmit our pension data across international boundaries — and this of course would in itself bring such data within reach of the Patriot Act.

Ok, but what? No terrorists here, right? Why worry? Actually, for several reasons. U.S. FIS courts operate in secrecy with little or no oversight (it’s a crime to reveal an action of this court and a felony not to comply with an order to turn over records). As any number of academic bodies in the U.S. (including a number of academic Senates just a tad more activist than ours) have suggested, the wide-ranging authority granted under the Patriot Act poses a threat to civil liberties and creates a climate of fear that undermines academic freedom. In addition, the combination of such wide-ranging power with little secrecy means that mistakes affecting ordinary (and innocent) people are easy to make and hard to correct (think Ted Kennedy and the “no fly” list).

U.S. academics have no choice at the moment. They are subject to the Patriot Act. But it seems to me entirely inappropriate that the Western Administration should so casually enter into an institutional arrangement that likely puts our personal data within reach of U.S. courts acting under the authority of that Act. At Senate tomorrow, I will be asking the Administration to seek explicit written assurances from Buck Consultants Canada that they will not be shipping our data across international boundaries and would not comply with a FIS court order to turn over data.

Last year, the BC Privacy Commissioner issued a 150-page report (available online) whose bottom line was this: In light of past practice, FIS (Federal Intelligence Surveillance) Courts in the U.S. — acting under wide-ranging powers granted by the Patriot Act — could well ask an American company to turn over private records held by a Canadian affiliate and that international boundaries are not a sufficient deterrent against this happening.

This year, the CIBC included a clause in its VISA cardholder agreement indicating that some cardholder information was processed in the US and so US courts might have access to that information under U.S. law. In response to a complaint, the Federal Privacy Commissioner ruled that such a clause was perfectly legal, and — in particular — did not violate the Canadian Personal Information and Protection of Electronic Document Act (PIPEDA), because it was transparent, i.e., the CIBC was telling cardholders what might happen. PIPEDA is what Western admin- strators routinely point to when they want to reassure us that our files are safe.

EDITOR’S NOTE: The issue discussed in the above column became a policy grievance launched by UWOFA after this article was written. As such, the matter may not be discussed at the December 9 Senate meeting.

WESTERN PRESIDENT SHOULD INVESTIGATE UCC WEIGHT ROOM NEGLECT

In the November 24th issue of Western News the lead article states that, “Grad student growth drives huge building renovation boom.” In a subsequent article the success of Western’s United Way campaign is praised. Eighty-three percent of the $400,000-goal has been reached. Also, extra funding is expected from the Ontario government.

London has many attractions for a retired academic, especially its post-secondary institutions. My wife and I returned to London four years ago, purchasing a home within walking or cycling distance of Western.

For the past year I have been using the weight room at the University Community Centre. Prior to that I used the Central YMCA facilities. Weight bearing exercises and the walk between home and UCC help keep a 76-year-old body functioning. I have quite consistently trained on weights for 55 years.

Through property, provincial and federal taxes, all local home owners contribute toward the maintenance of Western and other public institutions. So when I attend a public event at Western or work out at the UCC gym, I feel that I am receiving something in return for my investment.

But I am disappointed that the physical conditions of the UCC weight room reflect such obvious neglect. Students, too, are aware of the need for improvement. Some question whether they are getting their money’s worth. There are weight machines that ought to be replaced. At any time, at least two machines are broken down and stay that way for weeks. About one out of every three pieces of equipment has torn vinyl covers, with the padding bulging out through the cracks and holes. Such disrepair may even pose a health hazard.

I suggest therefore to President Paul Davenport and to his administration that a review be conducted of the weight room and other fitness areas in the UCC to determine how and at what cost these facilities can be brought up to an acceptable standard so that all students, and citizens like myself, can feel that they “are getting their money’s worth.”

Of course I realize that, for some time now, funding has been a constraint but I no longer believe that excuse is valid. Actually, it comes down to a question of the importance attached to physical fitness.

Stan Korczuk
London

CRADLE TO CRADLE DESIGN FUTURE OF CONSUMER GOODS

I recently attended a three-day Design and Innovation Exhibition at the Hong Kong Convention Centre. I spoke to many international business people about this Cradle-to-Cradle design philosophy and new certification. Remarkably, I met only two who knew what I was speaking of.

The Asian Design Prize went to the ‘Think’ chair by Steelcase. The reason for this was not only because it is extremely comfortable to sit in but also because it is infinitely up-cyclable, meaning it can be recycled to industry forever. It is the second chair designer to be Cradle-to-Cradle rather than cradle to grave and ending in a landfill.

Already, many Fortune 500 companies are adopting this business strategy (BASF, Ford, Nike, Steelcase) and China is building seven cities based on this strategy of nature. China has adopted Cradle to Cradle as national industrial policy.

May I complement your knowledge with more information to further awareness. In January, William McDonough, designer of Cradle to Cradle, gave a 30-minute keynote presentation to one of the top business schools in Europe, the Instituto de Empresa, where they are now training executives in Cradle to Cradle design. Listen to that speech at: www.cem.ieisu/index.php/item-378-lang-eng

The February, 2003 hour-long online lecture at the web address below is a far more detailed
By Wael Haddara

It appears that Heinz Klatt believes Muslims are a group of murderous assassins. To support his contention, he cites the assassination of poets whose only crime was expressing their opinion against Islam in a satirical way.

It is impossible to effectively address the breadth of Professor Emeritus Klatt’s misrepresentation of Islam in a short piece. So I will restrict myself to two criticisms of his arguments, while encouraging everyone to do their own research on the primary sources.

The first criticism relates to the importance of considering context when attempting to understand historical events. The second relates to the limitations of historical sources.

Context: How enlightening would it be to discuss the American defense budget in the ’60s and ’70s without any awareness of the Soviet Union?

The context that is essential, but was missing from Klatt’s arguments, is the development and growth of early Islam. The Prophet called to Islam and met with resistance from the Makkans, who were afraid of unpleasant facts? many of whom awoke, until he finally found Al-‘Asmaa’, sleeping with her infant son at her breast. The killer removed her infant from her breast and then stabbed her to death.

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This brings me to my second point: Verifying historical facts. Simply because a narrative is repeated often or appears in multiple sources is not a sufficient measure of its ‘veracity’. Two hundred years from now, someone will try to argue that Saddam’s Iraq possessed weapons of mass destruction. They will point to the numerous Bush speeches, the equally numerous newspaper articles, the ‘evidence’ presented by the CIA, the dossier compiled by 10 Downing Street and to Colin Powell’s theatrics at the United Nations.

All of that does not make Iraqi WMDs any more real than Powell’s theatrics at the United Nations. Neither is Saddam’s Iraq possession of WMDs any more real than Rodman’s North Korean WMDs.

Similarly, Klatt never mentions the context of his allegations. He cites by Klatt, was a combatant in the first of these battles. He had not been injured and was fit, but at the end of three days was still in Madina, scoping out the city. The Prophet ordered his execution.

Reality check: In the midst of the war on terror and research on the effects of seeing Sin Laden flees from the caves of Tora Bora and hitchhikes his way to Washington, D.C. He seeks protection with Colin Powell and is given three days to get himself on a plane and get back to Afghanistan. Instead of doing that, he is found in Chicago scoping out the Sears Tower.

This story of Al-‘Asmaa’ Bint Marwan illustrates this well. The killer removed her infant. She was a 14th century historian, harshly denounced classical histories on this point. He insisted that plausibility is central to evaluating the veracity of narratives. By way of introduction: Arnold Toynbee described the Muqaddimah, Ibn Khaldun’s magnus opus, as ‘possibly the greatest work of its kind ever created by any mind at any time or place.’

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OH, GRAND TIMETABLER, PLEASE HELP!

I would like to make a modest proposal. At this time of the year, as some of us are struggling to construct course timetables for next year and others are trembling with fear that the new Insanasilem software might be as bad as Feeblesoft, it is worth pointing out that the fundamental issue with Insanasilem (Trust me on this one - I teach Rocket Science in first-year physics). Naturally, the inspiration to put courses TThF is followed by the realization that hour one has obliterated that hour for the entire week. The resulting fall-back of, for example, two hours on T and one on Th leads to the nearly unbearable “double whammy” experience that is wearing and downright soporific for both lecturer and class (Two-hour classes are apparently the norm in Russia, which may possibly explain their problems with vodka consumption).

If one is inspired to try to sneak two 1-hour-and-15-minute classes past the Grand Timetabler, watch your knuckles! My proposal is simple: Let’s move to standard 1-1/2-hr blocks for all TTh classes! McGill does it, Guelph does it, Alberta does it; for all we know, birds and bees do it. Let’s do it, let’s fall in step!

Richard Holt

LETTER WRITERS MISUNDERSTOOD COLUMN

In response to my Viewpoint article in Western News, it escaped both of my critics whose letters were published Dec. 1 that my question, how the message that Islam represents peace and tolerance can be reconciled with some of the details of Mohammad’s life, was a request for balance, rather than an “inaccurate interpretation of facts... dripping with prejudice.” There was no “interpretation of facts,” and what could possibly “balance” multiple murders? Further, it is nonsensical to argue that a request for more and discrepant information justifies the critique that the author is “extremely judgmental” and “condescending.”

It is ironic that the critic who was most generous with reproaches got every major statement wrong: The Inquisition was not established before Mohammad, but six centuries after his death (1233). The Crusades were preceded by the Islamic military conquest of Jerusalem in 637. Jerusalem had been a predominantly Christian city for six centuries, was part of the Christian Roman Empire, and was conquered by jihadists with the sword in one hand and the Koran in the other. Muslims did start the religious war (although this fact is irrelevant in our debate). Most importantly, Haleel Sarwar does not understand such basic a notion as tolerance when he argues that it was Mohammad’s right to destroy the idols of the Kaaba because they were “absurd and ridiculous.” Atheists consider his belief in Allah “absurd and ridiculous.” Does he grant atheists the right to smash mosques? If I was “ill-prepared” to write on Islam, as he claims, he certainly was not prepared at all.

Finally, it would be helpful if Haider Ahmed could explain where he found ridicule in my article. This public debate is to be welcomed, but contributors should know their facts and not make gratuitous accusations.

Heinz Klatt
Professor Emeritus, Psychology

Editor’s Note: In the Nov. 24 Viewpoint article by Professor Emeritus Heinz Klatt, Western News incorrectly identified the writer’s field of study. We extend our apologies for this error.

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Sri Sivaraman
Third year, Psychology/Science

“When I was eight, my aunt bought me the regular Nintendo. There were never Xbox or iPads back then, there were just Mario and Duck Hunt.”

Summer Skillet
Third year, Kinesiology/Science

“My mom let me use all her AirMiles, which I used to fly to New Brunswick to see my best friend at UNB.”

Jenny Cheadle
Fourth year, MIT

“I was probably about seven years old when I got the Disneyland Magic Kingdom, complete with all the characters. That was the best ever.”

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First year, Social Science

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The questing spirit who changed lives

By Paul Mayne

“I’m not a theorist.”
“J’m not a historian.”
“J’m not a musicologist.”
“I’m a performer.”

Performer, perhaps, is a modest description for Western Professor Emerita Damjana Bratuž. A dozen years into retirement, the multifaceted artist and musician continues to be widely respected in the music-making profession, described as one whose scholarly authority and imagination are equally alive.

For Bratuž, the joy she receives from her music, in particular the work of renowned composer Béla Bartók (of whom she is a world-renowned performer Béla Bartók (of whom she is a world-renowned performer), was discovered. “I never forgave. I taught them playing. I had students with great pianistic talents that I threw out because her doctorate was not recognized. Knowing a professor from London, Ont., Bratuž soon found herself teaching music at Western in 1967–Canada’s centennial year. “For me this was a fairy tale,” says Bratuž. “From my background of dictatorship this was glorious.”

Her 25 years spent at Western celebrated not only her love of music, but the interpretation and analysis of that music. At the time, Bratuž says her methods were met with cynicism from some students.

“One had protested that I made them read,” Laughe Bratuž. “It was my great dismay and sorrow to see the squandering of the young talent. This was something I never forgave. I taught them to analyze before they heard the music. When you play just to play, it doesn’t work.”

“One suffered at the fact they cannot defend what they do. They need to defend their interpretation, to articulate about the background of the music they are playing. I had students with great pianistic talents that I threw out because of that.”

One graduate of Bratuž who admits he was skeptical was David Stabler (MusB’75). Yet upon reflection, Stabler is thankful for the guidance he received from Bratuž. “Many of us have had teachers who changed our lives - someone whose wisdom and caring fundamentally altered the way we think, feel and look at the world,” says Stabler. “For me, and for many other music students at Western, that teacher was Damjana Bratuž.”

Stabler adds from the moment he auditioned for her on a wintry March morning, Bratuž became “the centre of my gravity”. His weekly piano lesson with her wasn’t just the highlight of his week - it was his week.

“She demanded the highest standards and introduced a new system of learning, with new vocabulary and new meanings,” says Stabler, now a music critic for a newspaper in Portland, Oregon. “Actually, what she did was give us a new set of ears with which to hear music.”

Bratuž believed that her students should wade into the stream of culture that surrounded and created great works of classical music. Stabler recalls her often taking a carload of students to Toronto in her enormous blue Buick to hear great artists of the day.

“Professor Bratuž didn’t teach to our limitations but to our imagination,” says Stabler. “If we didn’t grasp a concept, she would say in 20 years you’ll understand’. I’m just beginning to.”

Bratuž continues to enjoy retirement, saying the validation of her work has “seemed to come over the last dozen years.”

“These have been the best years, not only in engagements, but encounters in my field,” says Bratuž, who spends much of her time speaking and performing internationally. “I think the thing that marked me the most was the war. It tells me not to miss what life brings you.”

What it has brought Bratuž is sense of calm and confirmation that her restless and pioneering intellect continues to make her a forerunner as a truly postmodern mind.

Name: Damjana Bratuž
Born: Gorizia, Italy

At Western: Taught piano, piano literature, history on Bartók. Introduced a course in Musical Semiotics at the Centre for the Study of Theory and Criticism (1992). Founded, with cellist Tatyoshi Tsutsumi, renowned Classes in Style & Interpretation. Created popular courses for non-music majors. Taught Vocal Literature and Italian Dictation for Singers.

Accomplishments: Awarded research grant by Italian Government (University of Bologna, 1989). Received Bartók Centenary Award from Hungarian Government (1988). As performer, lecturer, adjudicator, has appeared across Canada. Gives seminars and recitals in Finland, Italy, New Zealand and the United States.
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Synchrotron a light source for new millennium

By Reva E. Yates

Imagine a light a billion times brighter than the sun. This fact became a reality in 2005.

On a hot day in July with the sun directly overhead at high noon, we feel the heat and intensity of the rays and shield our eyes from the brilliance. We are trained from childhood to never look directly at the sun; the rays are too bright and can damage our eyesight.

It is hard to imagine light a billion times brighter than this. Consider the mathematics; a billion is a thousand million and whether we think in terms of dollars or brightness of light, it still boggles the mind.

Modern technology has developed a light generating machine that accelerates particles such as electrons and protons to nearly the speed of light (186,000 miles per second). This machine, named the synchrotron, is simply a gigantic electron microscope that allows scientists to examine the structure of atoms and molecules of matter more closely than ever before. Magnification is 10,000 times stronger than an ordinary-strength microscope. This more powerful magnification is necessary for scientific research.

Items a million times smaller than a strand of human hair can be examined with the synchrotron.

The structures of minute samples previously too small to examine can now be determined. Scientists can see how human cells function and can diagnose abnormalities. The presence of disease in the tissues can be observed without entering the body with surgical instruments. This is one example of how the synchrotron is a beneficial tool for physicians to treat disease at an earlier stage. Cures for cancer, AIDS and viruses that are now considered incurable may soon be found.

The synchrotron has been built upon discoveries by world-renowned physicists from the past. Isaac Newton (1642-1727) is the mathematician and physicist who discovered the theory of the spectrum of light. He passed a fine beam of sunlight through a triangular prism and discovered the component colours of red, yellow, green, blue, indigo and violet—the spectrum, the brilliant colours of a rainbow when the sun breaks through the clouds and shines brightly while rain is still falling. Newton also discovered that white light was a compound or mix of all the rainbow colours.

Physicist A.J. Angstrom described the spectrum of the sun in terms of wavelengths or frequencies in the year 1868. His discovery is used by synchrotron scientists in their calculations. For instance, wavelength times frequency is the speed of light. Angstrom’s name is used in present times as a measurement of wavelength.

Albert Einstein, the theoretical physicist who won the Nobel Prize in 1921, discovered the photo-electric effect. He found by shining ultraviolet light on a metal surface that electrons were emitted. This gave Einstein the energy of light theory. His theory of relativity has led to the linking of space and time. This discovery has brought the world into the nuclear age.

The discoveries by Einstein and early scientists has resulted in the building of the synchrotron, a device that accelerates electrons in a vacuum to near the speed of light by means of powerful magnets and radio frequency pulses.

This process creates intense light and energy that is fed to beamline work stations where the light is focused on specimens for analysis. The results determine their chemical and atomic structure, giving scientists information for their research.

At the present time, this particle accelerator, a synchrotron, the size of a football field, is on the campus of the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon. Construction of six light beamlines is underway and future plans are for 30 beamlines to give scientists ample access to carry out research. Medicine, pharmacy, mining, metallurgy, environmental engineering, oil and gas exploration and agriculture will all be influenced as research is carried to levels never before possible. Scientists will come from across Canada and around the world to use this world-class facility entitled the Canadian Light Source Incorporated.

With a world-class synchrotron now housed in Canada, our university graduates will find career opportunities within our own country for those who are qualified in the sciences and related fields. University of Western Ontario scientists have played an important role in helping to develop the synchrotron as a resource for all Canadians.

For Canadians and for Canadian researchers, this has been an important year.

Saskatchewan celebrates its centennial year in 2005 and the Canadian Light Source synchrotron started operations this year. As well, 2005 is the Year of Physics as endorsed by the United Nations. Einstein published papers in 1905 on Special Relativity that makes that event a centennial celebration.

The future indeed appears bright.
**Make Poverty History**

*Paul Mayne, Western News*

Inspired by students involved in the Western chapter of Engineers Without Borders, Engineering Dean Franco Berruti displays his white band in support of ending world poverty. Across the globe on White Band Day 3 (Saturday) people are asked to show support and contribute to the cause of making poverty history. For information, visit www.makepovertyhistory.org.

**Suspensions, bannings detailed in misconduct report**

*By Karmen Dowling*

The fourth annual report on misconduct at Western was presented last month to the Board of Governors. Seven incidents between July 2004 and June 2005 were directly brought forward to the Vice-President (Academic Programs & Students) or were reported to the office by the faculties.

Two students received academic suspensions, one for theft and the other damages to university property. Another student who caused property damage to the university was required to pay damages. A student who made repeated unwelcome advances toward another student was barred from classes and tutorials in which the complainant was enrolled. Students involved in fights with weapons were given only limited access to campus facilities, another was prohibited from Western residences for assaulting a roommate.

There was one appeal to the University Discipline Appeal Committee during the period of July 2004 and June 2005. An undergraduate student, with an accomplice, forcibly entered the apartment of another Western student, forcibly confined and threatened him, and stole his property. The student was expelled from the University. The student appealed on the grounds the finding was unreasonable and there were serious procedural errors in the hearing of the complaint, and that the penalty was unreasonable. The appeal committee denied the appeal.

**New researchers get funding start**

*By Karmen Dowling*

Nine Western researchers will receive $900,000 from the Ontario government as part of the newly created Early Researcher Award program. “This funding will attract some of the brightest and best minds to London to make leading-edge research discoveries that will help create prosperity for all,” says Chris Bentley, Minister of Research and International Relations.

Ted Hewitt, Western Vice-President (Research and International Relations) says the university has done exceptionally well in this competition.

Premier and Minister of Research and Innovation Dalton McGuinty announced $6.4 million would help 64 research projects at 13 Ontario research institutions through the new program. In total, the government will spend $30 million over three years.

Western researchers are:
- Donglin Bai, Department of Physiology & Pharmacology
- Brian Corneil, Departments of Psychology, Physiology & Pharmacology
- Frederick Dick, Departments of Biochemistry, Oncology and Pediatrics
- Kathleen Hill, Department of Biology
- Wei-Ping Min, Departments of Surgery and Microbiology & Immunology
- Richard Rozmahel, Departments of Biochemistry, Oncology and Pediatrics
- Juan-Luis Suarez, Department of Modern Languages & Literatures
- Kristy Tianpo, Department of Earth Sciences
- Xingfu Zou, Department of Applied Mathematics

Those eligible for an award must be a researcher at an Ontario university, college, hospital or research institute and must be within the first five years of starting an independent academic research career. Those chosen receive a maximum of up to $100,000 that must be matched by $50,000 from their research institution.
Continuing Studies chief off to Cambridge

By Paul Mayne

Sharon Collins is heading home in January to begin a new job. But right now it isn't the new job or finding accommodation that is top of mind.

“The greatest challenge ahead - remembering to drive on the left,” says Collins, recruited to head up a continuing studies programs at the University of Cambridge in England.

Collins has been Director of Continuing Studies at Western since its inception in 1998 and is thrilled with the opportunities that lie ahead.

“Cambridge liked what we did here at Western,” says Collins. “They have a wonderful continuing education program - it’s learning for its own sake, such as week-long summer courses on literature and art history. But they don’t do very much of what we do in terms of professional development and post-degree programs.”

Run like a business, Western’s Continuing Education program finds itself completely self-sufficient. Most universities have variations of that but we are completely self-supportive and off campus,” says Collins. “We’ve become a model that a lot of other universities are looking at. Our model works very well here and that’s the area Cambridge wants to move into.”

Back in Suffolk, a short drive from the University of Cambridge, Collins will have family and friends to ease her transition. She says her three children plan to stay in Canada and they are delighted to have a “new launching pad for their own travels.”

But as much as Collins looks forward to the challenge of creating a continuing studies program from scratch, she admits to trepidations.

“Western is the most wonderful place in the world to work,” she says. "It has been an honour to be part of the team here and feel the support, enthusiasm and vision that is demonstrated everyday. That was the most difficult part of the decision, the thought of leaving Western.”

Even though she’ll be thousand of kilometres away and working on “regaining my British accent”, Collins anticipates incorporating Western into her Cambridge curriculum.

“The opportunities that will present themselves will be tremendous and certainly one that I would like to start exploring would be what possibilities there will be for partnerships with Western, particularly in terms of the post-degree program,” says Collins.

“I think we have a very good foundation here (Western) and very good support and partnerships on campus,” she says.

The real success, however, is the people who work here. They work incredibly well together; they have the vision and work strong together to accomplish it. They’re not very big, but boy they’re good.”

A farewell reception will be held at Michael’s Garden on Dec. 13 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Please RSVP sthornto@uwo.ca by Dec. 8.
Curious Texas native takes root on campus

By Karmen Dowling

Take a softball, paint it bright green, add deeply furrowed and wrinkly skin then dab on some citrus fragrance.

The result is Osage oranges or Hedgeapples (Maclura pomifera), a member of the fig-mulberry family. A rich list of nicknames includes horse apple, hedge apple, hedge ball, monkey balls and even brains.

Somehow, this tree with the alien-looking fruit made its way to Western more than 35 years ago from where it was first discovered in the 19th century in Oklahoma and Texas.

Even with at least 2,500 trees on campus and about 220 species of trees and bushes, the Osage orange fruit definitely stand out from the pack.

“It’s a different type of tree and we like the diversity at Western,” says Jim Galbraith, Manager, Grounds Maintenance and Waste Management. “Having these trees that produce this odd-looking fruit always creates interest by students and gives them something to talk about between classes. They are uncommon in this area, not sold commercially.”

Osage orange trees were originally planted as living fences - or hedges - along the boundaries of farms. The trees are easily recognized by their glossy, lance-shaped leaves and their short, stout thorns.

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The strong yet limber branches were prized for the construction of bows by the Native Americans. The bright orange and dense wood is also ideal for fence posts and railroad ties. It neither rots nor succumbs to termite or other insect attacks for decades. As well, many people believe that the fruit of the Osage orange will keep insects out of the house.

The name of the tree comes from the Osage tribe, which lived near the home range of the tree, and the aroma of the fruit after it is ripe. Not all of the trees will have fruit because Osage oranges are either male or female, and only the females will bear fruit.

Three large trees and one hedge have flourished on campus, with three of them producing the fruit that look like giant green mulberries. Those who use the stairs beside Alumni Hall will likely have seen the fruit on the ground in the fall.

Another tree is near the Physics and Astronomy building on the north side, facing Natural Sciences. It doesn’t seem to produce the fruit, meaning it is likely a male tree. Another fruit-bearing tree is near Platt’s Lane and the bush is beside the Greenhouses.

Few animals eat the Osage’s fruit other than squirrels, cattle and horses. Although, many cattle have died from hedge-apples because they get lodged in their throats and they suffocate.

The inside has a pithy core surrounded by up to 200 small seeds.

These days the fruit has become very popular in crafts and decorations, in addition to their use as bug repellants. Both Martha Stewart and Oprah have used Osage oranges in their decorating.

Grounds Manager Jim Galbraith holds Osage oranges, fruit of one of the more exotic trees on campus. Western has more than 220 species of trees and bushes.

Karmen Dowling, Western News
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Fantuz Canada’s top university footballer

Western Mustang wide receiver Andy Fantuz picked up the Hec Crighton Trophy last week, emblematic of the top player in Canadian Interuniversity Sport football.

Fantuz led the nation in the regular season with 12 touchdown receptions, was tied for top spot with 44 catches and finished second in receiving with 825 yards. He becomes the fifth Mustang to claim the Hec Crighton Trophy since its inception in 1967.

Named the CIS rookie of the year in 2002 after he set a single-season record with 1,300 receiving yards, Fantuz completed his fourth university campaign holding three CIS career receiving marks with 189 catches, 4,123 yards and 41 touchdowns. He has been named an all-Canadian in each of his four seasons, including three times on the first team – 2002, 2004, 2005.

Fantuz, who will turn 22 later this month, recovered from a major injury suffered back in the spring to lead Western to its first appearance in the OUA Yates Cup since 1998. The all-CIS receiver required a number of surgeries after injuring his left thigh while playing in the Gus Macker 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament in London in May. “Probably no CIS receiver has ever been more targeted by opponent defences and yet his remarkable productivity continued,” says coach Larry Haylor. “He is an amazing, big, athletic receiver with the quickest hands and the sincere belief that a thrown football anywhere near him is his and his alone.”

“On the strength of his numbers alone he’s the best there’s been, the best there is, and perhaps, the best there ever will be.” Fantuz is only the fifth receiver to receive the honour and the first since Calgary’s Don Blair in 1995.

The Western Mustang Cheerleaders have defended their National Champion title – making it 21 straight years of being number one.

At the University and Open National Cheerleading Championships hosted by the University of Waterloo last weekend, Western beat out 31 other teams to remain the best collegiate cheer team in Canada.

“It certainly doesn’t get tired for me,” says Mustang Cheerleader coach, David-Lee “Trace” Tracey, who has been with the team for 26 years.

“The group trains five to six days a week, they work so hard. The sport is a combination of disciplines, they’re not just gymnasts. They must do acrobatics, strength training and sell it through showmanship, while all 25 members of the team have to be synchronized.”

Coach Tracey also works with a second team called the Power Cheer Gym Vipers, made up of 52 people. They came in first at the competition in the Open Large Co-ed All-Star Division. These members pay to be on the team, are 18 years or older and live in the London area. Some are Western and Fanshawe students, members from the community and a large number are former Mustang cheerleaders.

Meanwhile, the Mustang Cheerleaders will have a chance to enjoy Christmas Day, but leave the next day to compete in the World Cheerleading Association championships in Nashville. The largest competition in the world then takes place in February in Atlanta. Trace says he is predicting a good result for the team.

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Humour and politics on reporter’s minds

By Erynn Lennox

Liberal spending, the future of television and a precedent setting case about the transmission of HIV were among the topics Western professors discussed with the media over the past month.

When Stanford University undertook the first experiment to use brain-imaging to compare how women and men understand humor, professor of psychology Rod Martin was well equipped to comment on the findings. Martin has spent the last 25 years uncovering some of the different ways that men and women use laughter. In his interview with the Globe and Mail, Martin explained that men generally prefer short jokes and slapstick comedy, while women like funny stories or anecdotes—a finding that was confirmed by Stanford’s study.

Tim Blackmore, associate professor in the Faculty of Information and Media Studies, spoke with Maclean’s Magazine about technological convergence and the future of television. Starting in January, CBS and NBC will offer on-demand and commercial-free replays of several prime-time programs for a small fee. The move is meant to provide flexibility and hopefully recapturing younger audiences who are increasingly distracted by the Internet, video games and instant messaging. “We’re raising a very different kind of person now,” explains Blackmore. “This generation has grown up with a high level of interactivity and will expect that from TV.”

Blackmore also commented on Remembrance Day in the 21st century for CBC Radio Ontario Morning and several other radio stations.

An expert in criminal law, professor Winifred Holland, interviewed with the CBC’s Anna Maria Tremonti of The Current on the laying of criminal charges in the transmission of HIV/AIDS. Fueling the debate is the recent case of a Hamilton man faced with first degree murder charges arising out of transmission of HIV to two women with whom he had a relationship, and who have since died. This is the first time that such charges have been brought in Canada.

Professor emeritus Michael Nolan, and Huron University College’s chair of Political Science Paul Nesbitt-Larking, commented on the Liberal party’s pre-election largesse in an interview with CTV. “It sort of goes in the positive bank account of goodwill that people have in their minds for the Liberal party,” commented Nesbitt-Larking. Nolan agreed, although he cautioned that “there’s an element of desperation” to the latest barrage of announcements that could backfire on the Liberals.

Nesbitt-Larking also expressed his views to the Globe and Mail, the Toronto Star, CBC TV Windsor, while Nolan spoke to CBC New Morning and newspapers such as the Star Phoenix.

Overheard is a monthly feature reporting on the appearance of Western academics in the media.
Making a home for opera

BY JANIS WALLACE

Omar Daniel thinks it’s remarkable any operas get written these days. “Finding common ground is a real challenge,” says the professor in the Don Wright Faculty of Music.

“The composer is not king – he is just a prince among many. In all other situations, the dialogue is between the composer and the performers and is fairly straightforward. In opera, that isn’t the case. There is the music director, producer, set designer, librettist, composer and performers. Working in the opera world is unlike anything else.”

That said, Daniel is working on an opera for Tapestry, a new opera group in Toronto. They are in the process of hiring a director; the opera is written and will run in the fall of 2006.

Daniel is also working on an unusual project for Toronto Masque Theatre with Larry Beckwith (son of John Beckwith). The group is dedicated to presenting contemporary music in unusual environments. Set in the newly renovated boutique Gladstone Hotel in Toronto, the work has a cabaret atmosphere. The combination is also off the beaten track – soprano, four-voice Madrigal group, baroque lute and blues guitar.

“It was commissioned with Trish O’Callaghan as the singer,” says Daniel. “She is a classical and cabaret singer. Larry asked for a torch singer. It’s an interesting combination of voices and instruments. So I initially looked for appropriate text from old folk songs. The theme of the evening is love songs. Then I looked at works by my favourite poet, Pablo Neruda. I wasn’t sure at first his poetry would work, but now I know it does work well. I’m in the process of setting four poems.”

As well as the voicing and instrumentation, notation was a challenge, says Daniel. “She is a classical singer,” he says. “So I wrote a very demanding choral work, The Passion of Lavinia Andronicus. Being able to do so is a ruffled atmosphere – not many choirs can perform such a work.”

That brings up the one-night stand syndrome of mid-20th century compositions. “That still is often the case,” says Daniel, “but the reasons are different. Now, so much work is being written that performing ensembles have lots of choices. That’s exciting. They want to premiere works. As a composer, you have to work to get a second premiere. But often, after the premiere there is a recording, and that helps.

“Composing is all about setting limits on yourself.” But the depth, breadth and variety of Daniel’s composing suggests a limitless well. The orchestra did a great job. It’s a fine group of musicians, and I was able to write for full brass, triple winds. Writing for a full orchestra is always a treat for a composer.”

James Reaney wrote in the London Free Press: “Under Vernon’s direction, the orchestra beautifully sustained Daniel’s sunset minutes just as it had “the gentle bustle” – Daniel’s term – and surging energy of the earlier moments.”

On a smaller scale, Daniel is writing a set of piano pieces, in between the other works. This ongoing project is for himself to play so says he is making them manageable. This also means the works would be suitable for pedagogical use, about a grade VIII level. Six are available now and more will be available in the next six months. (odaniel@uwo.ca for orders.)

His Annunciation was performed in Toronto and Los Angeles last spring by the Penderecki String Quartet and they recorded it in August on the Analekta label. The Tafelmusik choir commissioned him to write anything he wanted.

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Students learn agonies, triumphs of entrepreneurs

By David Scott

You might end up rich and successful.

But it’s going to take hard work, risk, passion and likely a few mistakes along the way. More than 100 students turned out last week at the University Student’s Council (USC) chambers to listen to a panel of seven describe their paths from Western to the world of business armed with a good idea and determination.

The event was one of a series of “Backpack 2 Briefcase (B2B)" seminars hosted by Alumni Western in partnership with Student Development Centre Career Services and the USC.

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Grad Club gets into the Christmas spirit

By Karmen Dowling

The tradition continues.

“I’m Stuck in London for the Holidays” is a traditional turkey dinner event for Western international graduate students unable to return home for the holidays. Hosted by The Grad Club, and the Society of Graduate Students, this is the eighth year for the tradition that we are proud to continue.

Lalonde says while the dinner is free for those international students who are alone for the holidays, they would appreciate a donation of a non-perishable food item for The Grad Club’s food drive.

About 130 students came out to the dinner last year and Lalonde expects to see that many again this year. He says The Grad Club couldn’t pull this off without getting all the food donated by their suppliers, in particular Bedells, and without the staff who volunteer their time for the event.

“This lunch is about a bunch of people doing a good deed for Christmas and about a bunch of students knowing they have a place to go to for Christmas Day.” The Grad Club will be otherwise closed December 24 until January 2.

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December 16
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